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□ James King Armstrong, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died at his home in Ocean Springs on July 19, 1995, following a valiant battle with cancer.

Born in Decker, Montana, Jim was the son of the late James K. Armstrong, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and the late Lou Ella Horne Armstrong, a native of Welch, Oklahoma. The family moved to Decker by covered wagon from Wyoming where Jim's father was a rancher. As an adolescent, Jim enjoyed riding in neighborhood rodeos, once winning a cherished prize buckle for his skills.

Jim served his country as a pilot in the Air Force. Achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel, Jim retired from the Air Force after a 27-year period of service which included the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and combat duty in World War II.

Following his retirement from the military in 1970, he relocated his family to Ocean Springs. Jim was a part-time contractor, building or reconstructing several local homes and businesses.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Charlotte; brother, Charles; and grandson, Sean Armstrong.

Survivors include Jim's wife, Joan

Armstrong of Ocean Springs; five sons, Terry L. Armstrong of Auburn, Kansas, John R. and David O. Armstrong, both of Ocean Springs, James K. and Ronald Armstrong, both of Gresham, Oregon; two daughters, Jill M. Seiler of Mahomet, Illinois, and Gail A. Jones of Biloxi; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and siblings, Audie Cox of Saratoga, California, and Robert H. Armstrong of Seattle, Washington.

The family prefers memorials to the Hospice of Light or the American Cancer Society.

A graveside service will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, July 21, in the Biloxi National Cemetery, with full military honors.

The Howard Avenue chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Biloxi is in charge of arrangements.